

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO EDUCATIONAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

1. Maintaining of public health instructions during back-to-school period

Given the current COVID-19 situation, characterized in particular by the significant spread of the Delta variant and a renewed rise in the number of people infected, no changes are planned at the moment in the public health guidelines that apply to childcare services. The measures already in place, including compliance with group bubbles, therefore remain in effect.

The Ministère is in ongoing contact with the public health authorities and is closely monitoring developments in the number of cases and outbreaks in childcare services. You will therefore be quickly informed of any changes in the measures to be applied.

2. Update concerning management of cases and contacts in childcare services

In order to properly support the regional public health branches in their investigations and interventions regarding COVID-19 cases, the Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ) has updated the document [COVID-19 : Gestion des cas et des contacts dans les services de garde éducatifs à l'enfance et les établissements d'enseignement préscolaire, primaire et secondaire](#) [French only]. This update takes the epidemiological characteristics of the Delta variant into consideration, as well as the protection provided by vaccination or by having already been infected by the virus. We encourage you to read this document, which contains useful information for understanding the public health authorities' actions.

In educational childcare services, the change to be noted is that educators who are partially protected (i.e., those who have received only one dose of vaccine) are now considered unprotected. Even if they are asymptomatic, these educators must now self-isolate at home for a 10-day period if they have been in contact with a COVID-19 case.

We remind you that management of cases in educational childcare services and in schools has two objectives:

- To quickly identify cases of COVID-19 and their contacts.
- To limit the number and extent of outbreaks in these environments.

The Information Bulletin is a publication that provides periodic information updates for educational childcare providers during the pandemic. Be sure to always consult the latest version of the Bulletin because the information on a given topic will most likely be updated as the situation evolves.

If you do not find the answers to your questions on these websites, please call the Direction de l'amélioration des services à la clientèle et de la gestion des plaintes at the toll-free number 1-855-336-8568 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.